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**"AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NURSING SHORTAGE AND  
ESTABLISHING A CHALLENGE GRANT FOR REGIONAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
4      Connecticut nursing faculty incentive program administered by the  
5      Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

6      (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide  
7      grants to institutions of higher education that work collaboratively  
8      with hospitals, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, to  
9      (1) establish or expand nursing education programs designed to  
10     qualify a person who successfully completes such program to teach or  
11     train nursing students enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's  
12     degree in nursing or certification to work as a registered nurse, or (2)  
13     encourage persons employed by hospitals or in other industries who  
14     are qualified to teach or train nursing students enrolled in a program

15 leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing or certification to work as a  
16 registered nurse to serve as full-time or part-time faculty members at  
17 institutions of higher education.

18 (c) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Office of Workforce  
19 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the  
20 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment  
21 and operation of the incentive program authorized under this section  
22 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
23 cognizance of matters relating to education, public health and higher  
24 education and employment advancement.

25 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Higher  
26 Education shall conduct an assessment of the current and future  
27 capacity of the state system of higher education to educate and train  
28 students seeking to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing or seeking to  
29 become a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse. Such assessment  
30 shall include an examination of (1) the number of faculty members  
31 employed by each institution of higher education that are qualified to  
32 teach such students, (2) the number of nursing students that can be  
33 accommodated by each institution of higher education, (3) the number  
34 of nursing students admitted to each institution of higher education,  
35 (4) the number of nursing students that have graduated from each  
36 institution of higher education with a bachelor's, master's or doctoral  
37 degree in nursing, and (5) any barriers to graduation for nursing  
38 students enrolled at an institution of higher education.

39 (b) Not later than January 5, 2005, the Commissioner of Higher  
40 Education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
41 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the results of such assessment  
42 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
43 cognizance of matters relating to public health and higher education  
44 and employment advancement."